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Art in Public Places Commission

May 23, 2011

The regular meeting of the Art in Public Places Commission of the City of Annapolis was held on May 23, 2011 at Maryland Hall for the Performing Arts. Chair Fridrich called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chair Fridrich, Glover, Matthews, Arthur, Averill

Commissioners Absent: Palumbo

Guest Present: Jonathan Agee

Staff Present: Tami Hook - Recorder

Artwalk Plaques Updates

Mr. Averill updated the Commission on the status of the Artwalk plaques explaining that he will be meeting with Ms. Wern-Comport to prepare the map information for presentation to the Historic Preservation Commission. Chair Fridrich agreed to check with Ms. Plumer to determine if the budget funding must be expended prior to the 2011 fiscal year deadline or if the funds can be encumbered prior to the deadline.

Artwalk Extension Update

Ms. Glover reported that the Historic Preservation Commission granted a three year extension to June 2014 for the Artwalk exhibit but was not willing to grant an indefinite extension. She has notified that Ms. Craig that the City owns the property and that Artwalk is an advisory body on this artwork.

Harlin Artwork

Ms. Glover received a call from Mr. Earl Kelly of the Capital notifying that the Naval Academy is redesigning the gate near the location of the Harlin art piece so it will have to be moved. It was suggested by Mr. Kelly that the Navy expected the Harlin piece was only to be hung for three years but was informed by Ms. Phillips, the Navy Architect, of the interest of keeping the piece and relocating it. Ms. Phillips did not have a specific location in mind but agreed to meet with Ms. Glover in mid June to discuss a possible relocation for the piece. She also received an email from former Mayor Ellen Moyer who indicated that the Lee Tawney of the National Sailing Hall of Fame (NSHOF) would be interested in the piece as well. She will contact Mr. Tawney to acknowledge the NSHOF interest. She also noted that originally the Randall Street site was being considered for this piece and agreed to check to see if this site is being considered again.

Westgate Circle Sculpture

Chair Fridrich clarified the status of the project noting that there are four applications. The comments from Ms. Greico and Mr. Schwartz have been provided for review. Ms. Manucey has not provided comments to date. He reminded the Commission that they agreed to contact the artists to give feedback prior to them preparing maquettes. It was noted that three of the artists will be expected to produce a maquette and the fourth artists, Carl Wright, proposal includes three sculptures so will not require a maquette. However, he will be notified that the Commission has concern that the three sculptures give the appearance of a sculpture garden and does he have other pieces better proportioned for the site. The Commission agreed that Artwalk and the Rotary Club applications are no longer being considered. Chair Fridrich will prepare the letters to the four artists notifying them of the status of their proposals.

Ms. Glover raised the issue of signage. The Commission agreed to suggest that the artists consider providing the signage or an exterior sign for the circle as part of their application and agreed to give them guidance on the size, type and materials. The Commission agreed to include the following in the letter:

- 1. Funding will be provided for the artist to produce a maquette by a specific date;
- 2. The artist need to prepare a budget that includes funding for signage;
- 3. Ms. Glover will contact Mr. Wright; Ms. Matthews will contact Mr. Jameson; Mr. Averill will contact Mr. Donovan; and Mr. Fridrich will contact Mr. Casali to discuss and give guidance on their individual projects.

Timeline

Mr. Fridrich agreed to provide a revised timeline to reflect the current dates via email for members to review.

May 3, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Matthews moved to approve the May 3, 2011 as amended. Ms. Glover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0.

Meeting Dates/Time

The Commission agreed to meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2011 at 6:30pm.

News Commissioners

Mr. Averill noted that Ms. Jo Sullivan has expressed an interest in joining the Commission and she is from Ward 8.

Army Field Band

Mr. Agee, Army Field Band Representative, explained the purpose for his visit was to give an explanation on what the Army Field Band does and to develop networking opportunities. He explained that the band currently tours the United States and the goal is to tell the Army story through music. The Army Field Band does performances for Kindergarteners through College ages. He asked the Commission if they will consider using music as an art form. Chair Fridrich explained that the Commission also considers funding for performing art but are limited this fiscal year due to the City economic status.

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2011 at 6:30pm at Maryland Hall.

With there being no further business, Ms. Glover moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder